

USEITI Application Subcommittee
Meeting Summary for Thursday, March 27, 2014, 2:00pm-4:00 pm
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Agenda

1. Welcome & Introductions
2. International Board Meeting Update
3. Walk through TOR comments
4. Questions or comments
5. Next Steps
6. Next Meeting: April 3, 2014, 2:00-3:00pm

International Board Meeting Update:

Greg G. gave an update of the International Board meeting in Norway and their acceptance of our candidacy application. He also thanked the Application Subcommittee for all their hard work to get the Candidacy Application completed and commented that this is the half-way point for compliance.

- The Board was particularly interested in the subnational opt-in process and the currently available data.
- There is already an interest from other countries for the U.S. to share our best practices.
- The U.S. was asked to update and expand the work plan in the candidacy application to satisfy rule 1.4(a).
 - Department of the Interior staff will work to satisfy this request.
- Members asked which countries are most similar to the U.S. with regard to subnational reporting. It was determined that Australia is the most similar to the U.S. with regard to subnational reporting.

Walk Through TOR Comments:

- Greg G. walked the members through the TOR redline copy provided to the members prior to the meeting. General agreement on all sections. The various changes made were reflected in the Terms of Reference document during the meeting.
 - A question was asked, “If there was a violation of the Trade Secrets Act could members of the MSG be held liable?”
 - Lace W. stated without giving his legal opinion that only the Federal Government could be held liable for this violation.
 - It was stated that all members of the MSG should be comfortable with the information that will be released in the report.
 - This discussion should be tabled and added to the agenda.

Questions or Comments

During the review of “Annex 2 Procurement Process and Timeline”, a question was raised, “If a State is brought into the process, would that be a separate contract or add-on to the contract?” The DOI contracting officer (CO) is recommending a five year blanket purchase agreement (BPA) rather than an annual contract with four option years due to the complexity of the scope and deliverables. The recommendation from the CO allows flexibility to add subsequent orders

to the BPA and would accommodate a State opting-in and the additional reconciliation. The Government will add draft language to the TOR to reflect this discussion.

Next Steps

3/27/14 – Kim O. will e-mail a clean version of draft TOR to reflect comments from today's Subcommittee meeting

3/27/14 – Marti F. will email the Subcommittee the final US Candidature Assessment

3/31/14 - Additional sector comments are due to Kim O. by COB

4/9/14 – Draft TOR will be sent to the full MSG for review

Next Meeting: Thursday, April 3, 2013, 2-4pm.

The Subcommittee will take one final look at the draft TOR before it goes out to the full MSG, and Kim O. will provide an update on the procurement process.

In Attendance

Danielle Brian, Project on Government Oversight

Paul Bugala, Calvert Investments

Curtis Carlson, Treasury Department

Greg Conrad, Interstate Mining Compact Commission

Greg Gould, Interior Department

John Harrington, Exxon Mobil Corporation

Aaron Padilla, Chevron

Walt Retzsch, American Petroleum Institute

Bob Reynolds, BP

Ryan Ellis, Interstate Mining Compact Commission

Marti Flacks, State Department

Jennifer Goldblatt, Interior Department

Michelle Hertzfeld, Interior Department

Emily Kennedy, American Petroleum Institute

Chris Mentasti, Interior Department

Kim Oliver, Interior Department

Jon Swedin, Interior Department

Lance Wenger, Interior Department

Judy Wilson, Interior Department